

they were very convincing arguments, but that we don't go all of the way with the Legislature, as it's composed here in 1996, and do away with the policy in total that has existed in our state since statehood, and that is to maintain as much of this value in land as possible. I'm going to propose that we don't sell all of the land but that we sell a portion of it. And I'll explain that in my next amendment. That's kind of where I'm coming from on my amendments here. The amendment I am offering, though, at this time, is in the Journal, on the bottom of page 1092 and the top of 1093, that says, "The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall submit to the legislative fiscal analyst a detailed accounting report of the cost incurred by the board in preparing the plan required by Section 1 of this act. The costs shall specify personnel, printing, and all unassociated cost." What I really wanted to do was introduce an A bill to LB 1205 that would include \$100,000, because that is what the folks at the Board of Educational Lands and Funds say this will cost them to comply with this statute. If you read the fiscal note, particularly on page 2, the report from the Board of Educational Lands and Funds itself, you'll first of all note why the Board of Educational Lands and Funds does not receive an A plus for their public relations effort. It's a very argumentative A bill, and I'm surprised some people haven't raised objections to that, a very argumentative fiscal note. But within that they estimate that it will cost them \$100,000 to prepare this plan. And I think that's something we need to have before us is a question of, do we want to take \$100,000 out of the land...the money that goes to support K through 12 schools in our state and have that instead go to the creation of a plan? What this amendment does is it tries to bring note to that fiscal note. And I'd like to hear some discussion as to whether or not this is a good idea to...a good idea to spend this amount of money, or whether this amount of money is needed, if anybody has any arguments as to why it's not needed. I think the language in the amendment itself is relatively innocuous, and I'd suggest that we need to adopt that, and that is simply that the board needs to submit a detailed...to the fiscal analyst, a detailed accounting report of the costs incurred in the preparation of the plan. But I offer this as a way...a little bit of discussing as to whether the positive good that people see out of selling the land is worth \$100,000 at this time. So, with that, I would urge you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Withem,